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Starting Point: Hurstwood reservoir Car park.

Finishing Point: Hurstwood reservoir Car park.

Walk Profile: 5.94 miles / Ascent 987ft / Descent 987ft.

Required Time: 2.5 - 3 Hours (2.5mph).

Difficulty:



Transport: Regular bus services from Burnley.
Ample car parking at reservoir car park.

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1....From the main car park, head up the gravel road towards the wooden gates at the side of the nearby house. Pass through the gates and head up the reservoir access road through the woods.

2....At the far end of the woods you will arrive at the side of Hurstwood reservoir (**point 1**). Pass through the small wooden gate and proceed straight ahead.

3....Follow the Pennine Bridleway as it runs along side the reservoir. At the far end, you will arrive at a small wooden bridge and at the side a sign post (**point 2**).

4....Continue walking straight ahead, following the track to the Gorple road, which is at the top of the hill. Here, you will see a sign post, turn right and head up hill (**point 3**).

5....Follow the Gorple Road for approx. 700 feet where and on the left, you will arrive at a sign post and just to the side, a small wooden gate (**point 4**).

6....Pass through the gate and proceed up hill on the fairly new extension to the Pennine Bridleway (**this extension is not yet marked on the local OS map**).

7....You will be now heading North on a purpose built footpath. Some great views of the rear of Swindon reservoir can be viewed here.

8....Shortly you will descend down into Swindon water and a pair of small wooden gates below (**point 5**).

9...Pass through both gates and follow the footpath as it winds its way up hill towards a sign post (**point 6**).

10...At the sign post please turn left and follow the farm track until you arrive at a large metal farm gate (**point 7**). At the side you will find a small wooden gate.

11...Pass through this small gate and immediately turn right and follow the farm track as it climbs up hill along side the stone wall.

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12...As you approach the top of the hill, the farm track disappears, however, as a guide, when you reach the repaired farm gate (off to the right) bear slightly to the left and soon the trig point will come into view.

13...The best views from the trig point are towards Pendle Hill and back down the valley towards Burnley.

14...When finished back track down hill to the farm gate that you were at earlier (point 7). From the farm gate, turn right and continue along the farm track until you arrive at a fork in the farm track (point 8).

15...At the fork, bear off to the left. This farm track soon runs out, but continue to head down hill and slightly to the left.

16...The farm track soon comes back for a short distance but once again, disappears into the grazing land.

17...After a short while, you will arrive at a stone wall, with Swindon reservoir coming into view. Once again, the farm track fades into the pasture. Continue to head down hill.

18...As a rough guide, your aiming point here is the right hand side of Swindon reservoir dam wall.

19...Head for the small metal gate (point 9) in the stone wall directly ahead **(this gate is clearly visible because it has a white wooden board fastened to it warning you that the field ahead has a bull in it)**. (Never it seen once though)

20...Follow the faint footpath towards the pylon at the far end of the field. As you get close you will see a stile with a white container nailed to it (point 10).

21...Follow the footpath down to the wooden farm gate and cross firstly the wooden ladders, and then, the stone steps in the small wall (point 11).

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22...Follow the narrow tarmac downhill towards a cattle grid (point 12). Here, and off to the left, you will see 2 stiles. This faint footpath leads up to the bridleway sign post by the road side, and is directly ahead.

23...Once at the bridleway sign post (point 14), turn left and follow the farm track back towards Swindon reservoir.

24...As you progress, you will arrive at a fork in the farm track (point 15), here turn right and follow the track up hill towards the farm gate at the top.

25...Once at the gate, turn right and pass through the small gate in the corner (point 16). From the small gate, head over to the barbed wire fence.

26...The footpath from here is dead straight and via a series of stiles (points 17, 18 and 19) will take you all the way back to the Gorple Road. This footpath offers some great views towards Pendle Hill.

27...Once back on the Gorple Road, cross the stile directly in front of you (point 20). Once again, the footpath is virtually dead straight passing through 3 stiles (point 21) en-route the woods that you can see directly ahead.

28...Once you reach the woods above Hurstwood reservoir, climb the stile (point 22) (which is slightly off to the right) and follow the fenced in footpath along the edge of the wood.

29...Continue heading downhill passing climbing a stile (point 23) before reaching a small metal swinging gate (point 24).

30...Head downhill to the large wooden farm gate at the side of a group of private and expensive looking houses (point 25).

31...The final stage is now on tarmac. Follow the road until you arrive at a red telephone box where, you will turn left for the short distance back to the car park and the finishing point.

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